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SUBJECT: GOJ'S ALTERNATE ECONOMIC STRATEGY AND ELECTORAL PLANS

1. (U) WIRE SERVICE AND NEWSPAPERS HERE HAVE CARRIED BRIEF REFERENCES TO MARCH 30 TELEVISION ADDRESS BY PRIME MINISTER MANLEY IN WHICH HE REPORTEDLY INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO HOLD ELECTIONS IN JUNE, AS DESIRED BY OPPOSITION LEADER SEAGA. THE PNP AND JLP ARE SUPPOSEDLY AGREED ON THIS TIMING AND ARE SEEKING CONCURRENCE OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION.

2. (U) ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE REPORT ON MANLEY'S TELEVISION ADDRESS ASAP, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE GOJ'S ELECTORAL PLANS AND ANY DETAILS OF ITS ALTERNATE ECONOMIC STRATEGY.

3. (LOU) THE SECRETARY IS SCHEDULED TO SEE AMBASSADOR

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RATTRAY ON APRIL 3 AT 3:45. RATTRAY REQUESTED THE APPOINTMENT TO PRESENT A LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON. VANCE
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